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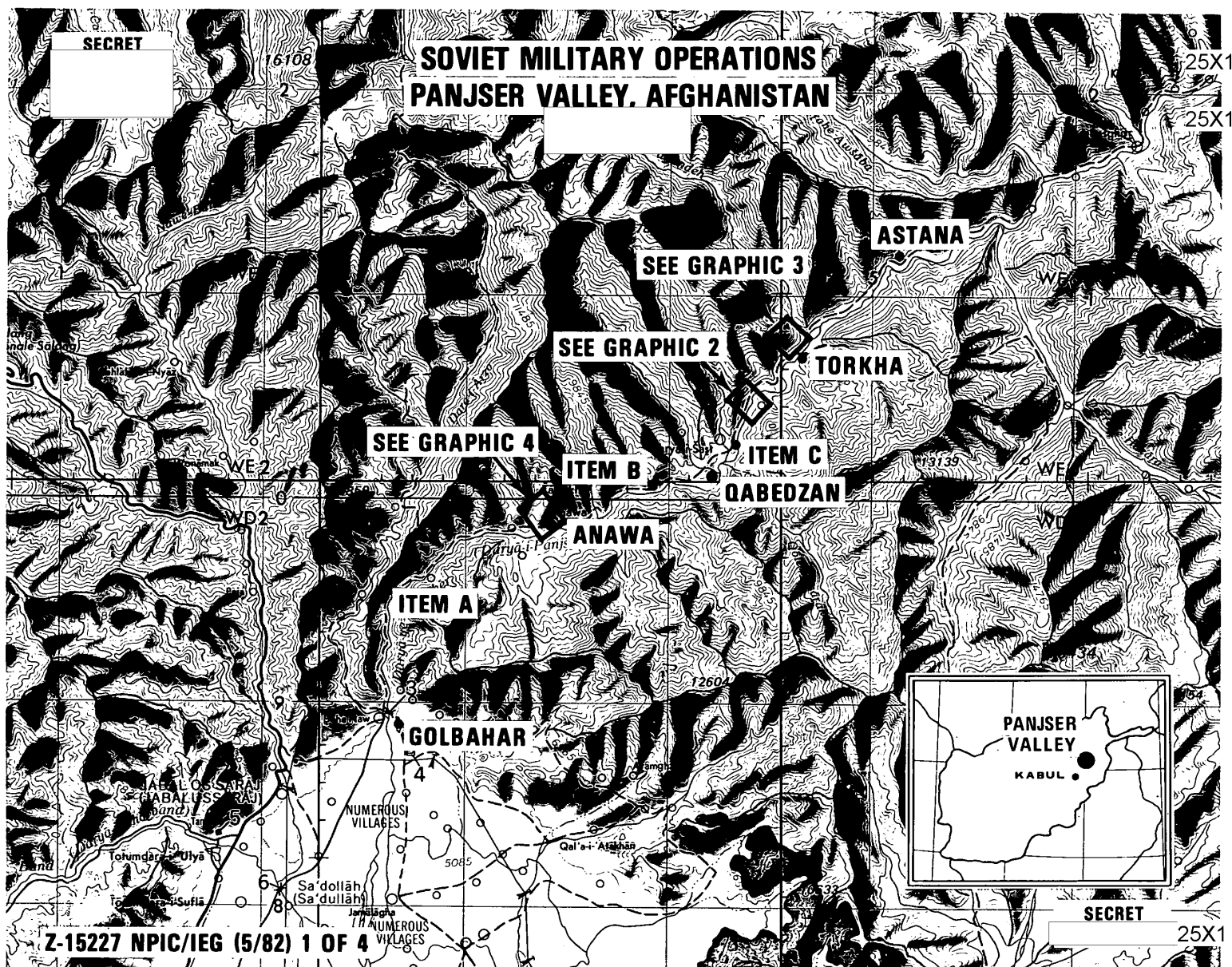
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SOVIET MILITARY OPERATIONS
PANJSER VALLEY. AFGHANISTAN

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1. (S/D) **SIGNIFICANCE:** SOVIET FORCES HAVE ADVANCED 15 NM INTO THE PANJSER VALLEY FROM GOLBAHAR (35-08-00N 069-17-45E) SINCE

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2. (S/D) **REMARKS:** LEAD ELEMENTS, CONSISTING OF ELEMENTS OF A PROBABLE 152MM SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZER BATTALION (BN) AND ELEMENTS OF A MOTORIZED RIFLE BN (NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC), WERE APPROACHING THE TOWN OF TORKHA AT 35-18-15N 069-30-35E. IN TORKHA, BOMB/ARTILLERY EXPLOSIONS AND RECENT BOMB/ARTILLERY CRATERING WERE OBSERVED (GRAPHIC 3). IN ADDITION, A MULTIPLE ROCKET LAUNCHER (MRL) BN (NINE BM-21 MRL AND NINE POSSIBLE GAZ-66 MRL), ELEMENTS OF A MOTORIZED RIFLE BN, AT LEAST NINE POSSIBLE FIELD ARTLLERY PIECES, AT LEAST 140 TRUCKS/VEHICLES, AND AT LEAST TWO TENTS (NOT ALL ANNOTATED) WERE TACTICALLY DEPLOYED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE TOWN OF ANAWA AT 35-13-40N 069-21-45E (GRAPHIC 4). A SMALL SECURITY UNIT WITH AT LEAST TWO ARMORED VEHICLES AND SEVERAL TRUCKS WAS SECURING THE ROAD 5 NM SOUTHWEST OF ANAWA AT 35-11-40N 069-17-05E (GRAPHIC 1, ITEM A) AND A MOTORIZED RIFLE COMPANY (CO) AND ONE TANK CO WERE DEPLOYED ALONG THE MAIN ROAD NORTH OF ANAWA AT 35-15-00N 069-25-30E (GRAPHIC 1, ITEM B). AT LEAST TWO TANK CO WERE TACTICALLY DEPLOYED APPROXIMATELY 3 NM NORTHEAST OF THIS AREA AT 35-16-10N 069-28-45E (GRAPHIC 1, ITEM C). RECENT IMPACT CRATERS WERE SEEN NEAR THE TOWNS OF ASTANA AND QABEDZAN (GRAPHIC 1). ONE COKE/CURL AND ONE HIP/HIND WERE IN FLIGHT OVER THE VALLEY. NO ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED IN THE VALLEY

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